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Coben crimic precised test of willingness of new African states to cooperate with US in response to US representations based on vital security interests of US and free world. Specific action requested of these states undertal of overflight and landing rights to Soviet aircraft carrying military equipment to Cube. Fellowing countries indicated rights would be denied: Algeria, Chad, both Congos, Ethiopia, Guinea, Ivery Coast, Libya, Merocco, Senegal, Sudan and Upper Volta.

Tou should seek early opportunity to convey foregoing information of SAG at high level, pointing out that in US view other free world governments must take this responsible reaction into account in assessing role of new African states in world. It obviously in interest US, SA and other free world countries that these states remain responsive to free world security interests. Heavy responsibility rests on SAG in this connection as its racial policy constitutes major threat to continued responsiveness of new African states. USG hopes SAG will weigh these considerations carefully in terms its sam security interests.

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